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FOR CU AND CU/AF FROM RELPH

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SCUL, NI  
SUBJECT: KESTAC: AMERICAN REPRESENTATION

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1. GIVEN STRONG EMBASSY POSITION REFERENCED MESSAGE, IT SEEMS IMPORTANT TO RAISE FESTAC IN TRANSITIONAL POLICY CHANNELS FOR CONSIDERATION BY NEW ADMINISTRATION. UUG HAS ALREADY DONE MUCH TO HELP FESTAC, AND STRONG SHORT-TERM POLITICAL CASE CAN BE MADE FOR STANDING PAT, ESPECIALLY AS NIGERIANS LIKELY TO PUSH OIL PRICE INCREASE. NEVERTHELESS, FOR LONG-RANGE CU CULTURAL OBJECTIVES, FESTAC REMAINS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER U.S.-AFRICAN RELATIONS AND FEATURE BLACK AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMEND CU BE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE EMBASSY POSITION.

2. BELIEVE CU SHOULD THINK IN TERMS OF USING IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE LIMITED FUNDS FOR CHARTER, RATHER THAN FOR ONE OR TWO GROUPS, WORKING THROUGH NAZ COMMITTEE WHILE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL U.S. FUNDING UNDER REVIEW.

3. WHILE USEFUL BRIEF KEY CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER OFFICIALS, DEPT. SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER FROM NAZ AT THIS LATE DATE.

4. LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS FOR FESTAC SEEM ENORMOUS, E.G. UNCERTAIN STATE OF PREPAREDNESS AND REMOTNESS OF FESTIVAL VILLAGE, LACK OF HOTEL SPACE, LONG TRAFFIC DELAYS. CU MAY WISH TO STRESS THIS ASPECT WITH DONALDSON IN URGING HIM TO REDUCE PARTICIPANT  
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LIST. HE HAS VALID EXCUSE TO CUT LIST FOR THIS REASON.

(N.B. TRANSMISSION OF THIS MESSAGE WAS INADVERTENTLY DELAYED.)

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